

A NEW
 Companion to the Alter,
 FOR THE
 Holy Communion
 OF OUR
 LORD'S SUPPER,

Fit to be bound up with

The Common Prayer.

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TO THE
Christian Reader.

S I R,

I Recommend to your Use, this *Manual of Devotions* for the Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper.

Let us all consider that this Holy Sacrament was instituted by our Lord Jesus ; and that Bread and Wine is by Consecration made representatively the Body and Blood of Christ, wherein we commemorate the Sacrifice he once offered to God on the Cross for our Sins, and is now in Heaven, pleading with the Father, the Merit of it, for all true Believers.

Dr. *Patrick* excellently says in his *Christian Sacrifice*, Page 52, ' That the
' consecrated Elements become now to
' us, visible Signs of an inward and spi-
' ritual Grace, and do not meerly figure
' to us the breaking of Christ's Body,

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‘ and the shedding of his Blood, are
 ‘ but a Pledge of that inward and spi-
 ‘ ritual Grace which they represent, &c.

‘ The Bread and Wine do not become
 ‘ Christ’s Body and Blood by ceasing to
 ‘ be Bread and Wine, but by tendering
 ‘ them to us as a special Grace : Their
 ‘ Efficacy, therefore, and Virtue, by
 ‘ the Divine Favour, is made ours. All
 ‘ the Effects and Benefits of his Passion
 ‘ are imparted to us by these, which in
 ‘ themselves are but God’s Creatures of
 ‘ Bread and Wine ; yet by his Appoint-
 ‘ ment, become to us the Body and
 ‘ Blood of his Son. In short, there is
 ‘ nothing which the Body and Blood of
 ‘ Christ can be to the Spirits of Men,
 ‘ but by these Tokens, he exhibits to
 ‘ us, and gives us an Interest in it. This
 ‘ is spiritually to eat his Flesh and drink
 ‘ his Blood, as both our Church and the
 ‘ Ancients speak. Our souls entertain
 ‘ and feast themselves upon his Sacri-
 ‘ fice, being really made Partakers of
 ‘ whatsoever his Body and Blood can
 ‘ do for them.”



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Before we come to this holy Ordinance, we must examine ourselves by the Rule of God's Word, *viz* First, whether we truly believe the Articles of the Christian Faith, concerning the Holy Trinity, in Unity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three Persons and but one God of equal Glory and co eternal Majesty ; also the Person, Offices, Works, Sufferings, and Benefits of Christ.

Second, Whether we are sensible of our sinful and undone Condition by Nature, and our great Need of Jesus Christ, who died for our Sins, and rose again for our Justification. We must humbly repent us of all our Sins, confessing them to God, begging Pardon of them, thro' Faith in the Blood of Jesus.

When we come to the Lord's Table, First, we must have a true Desire to partake of the Benefits of Christ purchased for us, pardon of Sin, spiritual Nourishment, and Salvation, with the exercise of holy Love and Joy, in the wonderful goodness of God, declared in our Redemption.

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Second, we must have a Desire after the Communion of Saints, and be willing to forgive those that have offended us: Also we must give up ourselves in Covenant to God, with a Resolution of renewed Obedience.

The Benefit of this Sacrament, is not to be judged of only by present Feeling, but by Faith; God having appointed us to use it, and promised his Blessing, therefore we must not think its in vain for us to wait on him.

When we come home let us use suitable Prayers, Hymns, and Thanksgivings. (Bishop *Patrick's* Christian Sacrifice I recommend to be used before and after the Sacrament at Home) We must meditate of the transcendent Love of God, in giving his only begotten Son to die for us; that we have received his renewed Covenant of Pardon and Grace, and again obliged ourselves to his Service. We must strive daily against Unbelief, and the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, and especially those Sins we are most inclined to, and take great Care we wilfully sin no more. Let

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Let us patiently hope for the Coming of Christ, to be received into his everlasting Kingdom, where we shall be perfectly united to him, and glorified with him, and with all the heavenly Choir of Saints and Angels, to chant forth our joyful Hallelujahs to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, is the hearty Prayers of yours, &c.

This Prayer to be said after the Preface.

O Jesus, my Lord and my God, who loved us, and washed us from our Sins, and purchased us by thy own Blood, and didst ordain this Sacrament, in order to secure us to thyself, by a grateful Remembrance of what thou hast done and suffered for us, make me truly sensible of thy Love, and of our sad Condition, which did require such a Sacrifice.

May I always receive this Pledge of thy Love, — The Offers of Mercy, Pardon, and Grace, tendered to us in this holy Ordinance, with a thankful Heart, and in Remembrance of Thee our great and best Benefactor; in remem-

membrance of thy holy Example, —
 Of thy heavenly Doctrine, — Of thy
 laborious Life, — Of thy bitter Pas-
 sion and Death, — Of thy glorious
 Resurrection, — Of thy Ascension into
 Heaven, — and of thy Coming again to
 judge the world.

And may never forget the Obligati-
 ons thou hast laid upon us, to live as be-
 comes thy Disciples, and to forsake eve-
 ry Course of Life contrary to thy Gos-
 pel — Cease not, O Lord, to love us;
 and by thy Grace vouchsafed in this Or-
 dinance, cause us to love Thee with all
 our Heart.

O blessed Advocate, I put my Cause
 into thy Hands; let thy Merits, and
 mighty Intercession plead for me, and
 procure all Temporal and Spiritual Ble-
 ssings here, and everlasting Glory, in the
 Kingdom of Heaven, Lord Jesus, *Amen.*

P. S There is two excellent Prayers before and after
 the Sacraments, which you may use at Discretion (be-
 sides Dr. Patrick's) in a Manual of Prayers for Fa-
 milies and private Persons, by the Author of the
 Christian Monitor. In this Manual of Devotions, I
 here present you with, you'll find longer or shorter
 Prayers, to be us'd as you have Time; but in large
 Congregations you'll have Time to use the longest,
 especially on the great Festivals of the Church.



DEVOTIONS

FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION.



A Prayer to be said some Time before the Sacrament.

GOOD Lord, pardon every one that prepareth his Heart to seek God, the Lord God of his Fathers, tho' he be not cleansed according to the Purification of the Sanctuary.

Blessed Lord, I, that design to approach thy holy Table, (on the ensuing holy Day next) don't presume to come to that great Feast of thy Body and Blood, upon the least Opinion of my own Worthiness; for, when I look upon myself, I dare not come; but, when I consider thy infinite Mercies unto Mankind, and thy own Words, calling all that are penitent without Exception, and

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knowing that thy crucified Body is not only Food to nourish, but Physick to cure, I beg Leave, that am but Dust and Ashes, to come to thy Table, and with my weak Faith to feed on some Crumbs of the Bread of Life.

I confess, O Lord, I have no Wedding Garment (of my own) upon me, but I come to seek one at thy Cross, from thy bitter Sorrows, to derive into my Soul a godly Sorrow, working Repentance to Salvation; from thy broken Body, a broken Heart; from thy warm Blood, flowing from thy wounded Side, Heat, Zeal, and Fervency, that I may love and admire thee my God, as I ought to do.

I come, O! sweet Jesus, to fetch Humility, Patience, Temperance, Sobriety, and Charity, and whatever else thou seest needful for me. Bury all my Sins in thy Grave; my Omissions and Commissions; my sinful Thoughts, Words and Deeds, my natural Corruptions, and vile Affections.

I come, O! Lord, to fetch a new Life from thy holy and blessed Resurrection; to which End, bless, I humbly beseech thee, my Examination, which, by thy divine Assistance, I am now to make before thee, let thy holy Spirit strengthen my weak Memory,

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mory, that I may faithfully bring forth all the Evil Acts I have done, and the good ones I have omitted.

Make my Conscience freely to accuse, to judge, and condemn myself, that I be not judged of thee: And whatsoever Defect I commit in my Examination, Lord, pardon in that Heap of Sins which I bring unto thy Cross to be forgiven, I beseech thee.

O God, who by the Death and Sufferings of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, hast made glad the Hearts of thy People, grant I beseech thee, that by his holy and powerful Intercession, I, and all thy faithful Servants, may attain the Joys of eternal Life, for the Merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with the Father, and the holy Ghost, be Glory and Praise, World without End. *Amen.*

When the Sermon is ended, say the following Prayer kneeling.

I believe in thee, O God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and in the Name of Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, I bow my Knees.

Almighty God, by whose great Bounty, and infinite Goodness, I have now an Opportunity offered me of approaching thy Table, and of pleading before thee the prevailing Merits of the Death and Passion of thy Son Jesus Christ; I am sensible, O Lord, of my great Unworthiness to partake of this holy Ordinance; but the positive Command of my blessed Saviour, when he was about to lay down his Life for my Sake, has made it absolutely necessary; and the many spiritual Wants I labour under, oblige me to come to him, to repair those Breaches my sinful Follies have made in my Soul.

Assist me therefore, O God, with thy holy Spirit, in the Duty and Service I am about to perform; grant that nothing, during the Time of this holy Action, may make me forfeit that Reverence and Respect which I owe to thy divine Majesty, or that Attention which becomes the Celebration of those holy Mysteries. Touch me with such an Awe of thy Presence, as may fix my wandering Thoughts, compose my tumultuous Affections, and stir up my flat and cold Desires, that I may feel the Power, and taste the Sweetness of the divine Banquet.

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That I may have such a Sense of my Saviour's Sufferings, as may fill my Soul with Love and Gratitude towards him, for those inestimable Benefits he has purchased for me; that I may have such a Sight of my Sins, which occasioned all his Sorrows, as heartily to bewail and detest them; such a Faith in the full perfect Oblation and Satisfaction made upon the Cross for the Sins of the World, that I may so importunately plead the Merit of it in this Commemoration of that Sacrifice, once offer'd, as to render thee gracious and propitious to me a miserable Sinner; such a Conviction of my own Weakness and Insufficiency, as may procure thy gracious Aid and Assistance; such longing Desires of being made conformable to thy holy Will and Pleasure, as may transform me into thy divine Image, and fix me to continue thy faithful Servant, all the remaining Days of my Life.

Another short PRAYER to be said after
SERMON.

Blessed Lord, who hast so graciously invited me to partake of the Merits of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Christ, convey'd to me in the blessed Sacrament, grant that I may receive it to the Remission of my past Sins, and to the Preservation of my Soul against future Temptations, to the correcting of the Deformities of my Mind, and the rooting out of all evil Customs from my Heart, to the enlightning of my Understanding, to the strengthening of my Faith; and that I may be able to give a good Account at the dreadful Seat of thy Judicature, help me to spend this holy Day, and every Day, in thy Fear, and in the Offices of holy Religion; let thy Mercy pardon me, thy Angels guard me, and thy Goodness lead me to Repentance, that I may live and die thine, for Jesus Christ's Sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A short PRAYER at the OFFERTORY.

A Ccept, O God, of my Alms, and the Oblation of myself, with thy Creatures of Bread and Wine offered unto thee. And may all the Prayers and Praises, I shall farther tender thee at this Time, be acceptable through my Redeemer.

O ! May I love and adore thee as the God of my Life and Portion, which I have chose in the Land of the Living, and which I humbly beg may be my Happiness to all Eternity, through the alone Merits of my crucified Jesus, to whom be Glory everlasting. *Amen.*

After this Prayer, be sure to give strict Attention to all the Publick Administrations of the Minister.

After he has said, Come unto me all that travel and are heavy laden, &c. say,

Therefore all Love, all Glory be to thee.

And do the same, after all the Rest of the Scripture Sentences that are read. And when the particular Prefaces for Christians, &c. are not used, say (in your thoughts)

But above all, we are bound to praise thee, for giving thy Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our Sins, and to rise again for our Justification. *Therefore with Angels, &c.*

When the Minister is breaking Bread, say,

O! dear Jesus, what great Love is this of thine that thou shouldest give thy Body to be broken on the Cross, for such a Sinner as I am. Therefore all Love, all Glory be to thee, O Lamb of God that takest away the Sins of the World, have Mercy upon me.

When the Minister is pouring out the Wine, say,

O! sweet Jesus, what great Love is this of thine, that thou shouldest shed thy Blood on the Cross, to atone for all the Guilt of my Sins. O! Lamb of God that takest away the Sins of the World, grant us thy Peace. For this thy wonderful Salvation, all Love, all Glory be to thee.

A Prayer immediately after CONSECRATION.

A Ccept, O! Eternal God, of that Representation we make before thee, of that all-sufficient Sacrifice which thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ made upon the Cross: Let the Merit of it plead effectually for the pardon and Forgiveness of all my Sins, and render thee favourable and propi-

propitious to me a miserable Sinner; let the Power of it prevail against all the Powers of Darkness; let the Wisdom of it make me wise unto Salvation; and let the Peace of it reconcile me to thee, and bring to me Peace of Conscience.

I adore thee, O! blessed Jesus, my Redeemer; who didst endure the painful and shameful Death of the Cross, to recover me from a State of Sin and Misery. I admire thine infinite Condescension, who wert pleased to be made miserable, that I might be made happy; poor, that I might be enriched; and didst die, that I might live for ever. With all my Soul, O! dear Jesus, I love and praise thee, for these stupendous Expressions of thy Bounty and Goodness towards me; and may I honour and serve thee World without End. *Amen.*

Or this after Consecration

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, regard I beseech thee, the Devotions of thy humble Servants, who do now celebrate the Memorial, which thy Son, and our Saviour hath commanded to be made, in Remembrance of his most blessed Passion and Sacrifice;

fice; (which was once fully and perfectly made for us all) that by the Merits and Power thereof, now represented before thy Divine Majesty, we and all thy whole Church, may be made Partakers of the Pardon of our Sins, and all other Benefits of his most precious Death, and Resurrection from the Earth, and glorious Ascension into Heaven; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, World without End. *Amen*

Then meditate a little, and pray.

A Prayer after Consecration.

Glorious Jehovah, how excellent is thy Name in all the Earth, thy Glory is above the Heavens. When I consider the Heavens, the Works of thy Fingers, the Sun the Moon, and the Stars, which thou hast ordained, what is Man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of Man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the Angels, and hast crown'd him with Glory and Honour. Thou madest him to have Dominion over the Works of thy Hands; thou hast put all Things under his Feet: All Sheep and Oxen, yea, and the Beast of the Field, the Fowls

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Fowls of the Air, and the Fishes of the Sea, and whatsoever passeth through the Paths of the Seas.

Thou, O Lord, madest Man upright but he found out many Inventions to destroy himself; and would have been miserable to all eternity, hadst not thou found out a Way for his Recovery, in promising that the Seed of the Woman should break the Serpent's Head.

O ! God, thou so lovest the World, as to give thy only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting Life. For he came not to redeem fallen Angels, but fallen Man. Oh astonishing Love ! O holy Jesus, tho art the *Alpha*, and *Omega*, the Beginning and Ending, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty ! thou art he that liveth, and was dead, and art alive for evermore ! *Amen*. And hast the Keys of the invisible World, and of Death ; who openeth, and no Man shutteth ; and shutteth, and no Man openeth ! Thou art the Way, the Truth, and the Life ; and no Man can come unto the Father but by thee.

O that Men would therefore love and praise the Lord for his Goodness, and for his

his wonderful Works to the Children of Men.

Blessed, God thou hast promised those that come to thee with an humble, broken, and penitent Heart, thou wilt in no wise cast them off; grant that I may now so confess my Sins, as that I may obtain Forgiveness of the same, through thy infinite Goodness and Mercy, in our Lord Jesus.

¶ If you have not Time to use all this Preface before Confession, you may use any Part of it you think fit, but especially the latter End.

Or this Preface.

O Father, Maker and Restorer of all Things, by thy Son Jesus Christ, in Confidence of thy Love, through our sweet Saviour; I, an unworthy Member of thy mystical Body the Church, do bow my Knees before thee, acknowledging him to be perfect God of the Substance with thee his Father; perfect God, and perfect Man, but still one Christ, begotten from Eternity, and born in Time, Immortal, and Mortal, Creator, and Creature.

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Therefore by this great, this true, this only perfect high Priest, this Bishop of Souls, who offered himself a spotless and propitiatory Sacrifice to thy Justice ; by this good Shepherd, who laid down his Life for the Sheep ; by this Mediator and Redeemer, who sitteth at thy Right Hand, making I implore thy Acceptance of my humble Confession.

The Confession.

Almighty and most merciful Father, I confess that I was shapened in Iniquity, and in Sin did my Mother conceive me, and by Nature there is no Health in me. I have erred and strayed from thy Ways like a lost Sheep. I have not always honoured and served thee as my Creator ; nor loved and delighted in thee, as my most gracious Father ; nor obeyed and submitted to thee in all Things as my sovereign Lord and Master. I have too often rebelled against thy Almighty Power and Authority, and spurn'd against the Bowels of thy Love, and broken thy most holy Laws, and violated the Faith I was engaged to profess in my Baptism ; and have many Times repeated to thee, (particularly in this Sacrament)

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Thine almighty Mercy accuses me : The Passion and Torment, the Death and Resurrection, the Threatnings and Promises, all the Love of my dear Saviour, condemns me ; and so doth the mighty Works and gracious Inspirations of the Holy Ghost.

I lament, that I have not more manfully fought under Christ's Banner, against the Poms and Vanities of this wicked World, the sinful Lusts of the Flesh, and all the Suggestions of the Devil. I lament where Pride, Passion, &c. or any other Sin, has prevailed over me.

Humble me, that I have been no more thankful for thy Mercies, and too incorrigible under thy Chastisements and unfruitful under the Means of Grace ; that my Prayers and Praises have not been performed with those devout and raised Affections, as they should have been ; that I have not (as I ought) prepared for Death and Judgment, and the Account I must one Day make of my Stewardship.

*I lament, that I have no more exercised the Grace of Humility, Meekness, Patience, Hope, and Self-Denial ; and wherein I have not discharged my Duty towards my Relations, Superiors, Inferiors, or Equals : I have not glorified thee in every Condition of Life : I have often sinned against thee, (on the Lord's Day
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and other Times) by Thought, Word, and Deed, by Omission, and Commission. I confess before thee, that my Sins have rendered me justly liable and obnoxious to thy Wrath and Curse; to all Miseries in this Life, to Death itself, and to the Pains of Hell for ever. But,

O God the Father of Heaven, thou who hast made me, have Mercy upon me.

O God the Son my Saviour, who hast shed thy precious Blood for me, I beseech thee, open thy Arms to receive me; and let me find with thee sweet Refuge, and plenteous Redemption.

O God the Holy Ghost, who convincest me of my Sins, and shewest me my Need of Christ Jesus, my Misery without him, and my Happiness in him, prepare me for him and bring me to him, and secure to my Soul all the blessed Benefits that come by him.

O sacred Trinity, three Persons and one God, of equal Glory, and co eternal Majesty have Mercy upon me a miserable Sinner; and absolve me from the Guilt of all my Transgressions, through the meritorious Sacrifice of my crucified Saviour Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O my God, I now presume to come to this holy Ordinance, to commemorate the Sacrifice of my dearest Saviour, to give thee farther Testimonies of my Love to thee, and to receive new Tokens of thy Love to me. O Lord, vouchsafe

vouchsafe to make thyself powerfully present to my Mind. Represent thyself, and thy Son Jesus, so lively to my Thoughts, in all thy Wisdom, Power, Goodness, Holiness, and Truth, that I may never forget thee any more, but most seriously reverence thee, and love thee, and rejoice in thee, and trust thee, and obey thee, all the Days of my Life. Imprint the very Image of thy Son upon me, that I may carry him ever in my Heart, and have his Life and Death continually before my Eyes; and in all Things conform myself to his Will and holy Example.

Come, Lord Jesus, and possess thyself of my whole Man; purify me from all remaining Filthiness, either of the Flesh or of the Spirit; bring in all thy heavenly Graces along with thee, into my Soul; and be my perpetual Defence, by giving me a fuller Communication of thy Spirit, and more mighty Aids to do my Duty towards thee, and towards all Men.

O gracious Father, I desire to ask such Tastes and Relishes of thy wondrous Love, that I may never be able to delight in any Thing so much as the Remembrance of it; but my Eyes may be ever towards the Lord, and I may hunger and thirst, perpetually, after thy Righteousness, till I am perfectly made Partaker
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of thy divine Nature, and rendered meet to be translated to that high and holy Place, where I shall see thee, not as now in mysterious Representations, but open, and Face to Face. Amen. Lord Jesus, who art able to save, to the uttermost, all that come to God by thee, to whom, with the Father, and the holy Ghost, be everlasting Hallelujahs. Amen.

Another Confession, &c. Shorter.

O Eternal God, All seeing and Almighty Lord God! thy Greatness is unsearchable, thy Majesty incomprehensible, and thy Judgments against incorrigible Offenders insupportable, yet most gracious and merciful to all that repent, and believe in our great high Priest the Lord Jesus.

I confess that I was conceived in Sin, and am, by Nature, a Child of Wrath.

O God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, I have sinned against thy creating, redeeming, and sanctifying Love. I lament that I have not more manfully fought under Christ's Banner against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; that I have too often yielded to Pride, Passion, &c. I lament that I have not believed in thee, loved, feared, and served thee, as

I should have done ; that I have no more abounded in Humility, Meekness, Patience, and Self denial, wherein I have not discharged my Duty in every Relation and Station I have been in, in the World. I lament my too much Insensibleness of thy Love, and Unthankfulness of thy Benefits, resisting thy Authority, and contempting thy Word and Commandments ; that I have not been more awed by thy Threatnings, nor trembled at thy Judgments, nor allured by thy Promises, or won by thy Mercies. I lament wherein I have offended thee by Thought, Word, or Deed, since my last Covenanting with thee at this holy Table.

A Prayer after Confession.

O Father, I humbly confess my Sins would have sunk me into Despair, if thou hadst not given thy Son to be the Propitiation for them ; but his precious Blood cleanses from all Sin, even the greatest and the worst : And though I deserve nothing but Misery, yet he is worthy, for whose sake, I pray thee shew me Mercy. O give me, I beseech thee, a happy Interest in that Satisfaction, which he made for the
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the Sins of the whole World ; and lay not to my Charge any of the Evil that ever I have done, but see it punished in our blessed Saviour ; and let the Sacrifice of his meretorious Death atton e for all the Guilt, wherein I have involved my Soul.

Another.

MOST gracious God, who, of thy infinite Mercy, hast given thy Son Jesus Christ to be our great High-Priest, and the Bishop of our Souls ; who did offer up himself, to thee, a pure and immaculate Sacrifice, upon the Cross, for us miserable Sinners ; who has given us his Flesh to eat, and his Blood to drink, in a mystical Manner ; and has assured us, by thy holy Spirit, that as often as we eat that Bread, and drink that Cup, we shew forth the Lord's Death, 'till his Coming again.

I humbly beseech thee, therefore, by the Merits of his Blood, the great Price of our Redemption.

I intreat thee by his wonderful and ineffable Charity, wherewith he has vouchsafed to love us unworthy Creatures at so great a Rate, that thou wouldest be pleased to wash me in his Blood from all my Sins,

which makes me unworthy to partake of these holy Mysteries.

Let my Repentance be hearty and sincere, and express itself in all the Circumstances of holy Obedience for the Time to come.

Thou alone out of an unclean Thing, canst bring a clean; of a wretched Sinner, make me therefore Holy and Righteous.

Thou art the Fountain of Mercy, shut not up thy Bowels of Compassion towards me.

Thou art the great Physician of Souls, display thy Power in my Health and Recovery.

Let me approach thy holy Table with Reverence and Devotion, that no vile Affections may hinder me from receiving the Benefits of this divine Nourishment.

Let me celebrate this holy Ordinance with Purity of Heart, and a right Intention of Mind, that I may obtain all those Advantages for which thou wert graciously pleased to establish it.

Let me intirely resign my Soul and Body to be a reasonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto thee; for thou hast the justest Claim to me, since the blessed Jesus has purchased me at the Price of his own Blood.

Grant

Grant, O Lord, that I may constantly endeavour to make some Proficiency in all the Virtues of the Christian Life, because the blessed Jesus has obtained for me, by the Merits of his Sufferings, the Grace and Assistance of the holy Spirit, to work in me both to will and to do thy good Pleasure.

Make me ready to be reconciled to all those that have offended me, because when we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God by the Death of his Son.

Let me embrace all my poor Brethren with sincere Love and Charity, and contribute all I can to the Relief of Christ's distressed Members, because he thought not his Life too dear, nor his Blood too precious, to redeem me from a State of Bondage and Slavery.

Strengthen me, O Lord, in such a Manner, by this spiritual Food that I may successfully encounter all the Attacks of my spiritual Enemies.

Suppress in me the Spirit of Pride and Vain Glory, of Envy and Detraction, of Uncleaness and Intemperance, or of any Distrust and Diffidence of thy Mercy.

May all Temptations to these Offences against thy holy Laws be overcome by that

Power which thou shalt be pleased to communicate to me in this holy Sacrament.

And may all those Evils, which the Craft and Subtilty of the Devil, or Man worketh against me, be brought to nought.

That, being outwardly and inwardly fortified by the Assistance of thy Grace, I may press towards the Mark for the Prize of the high Calling of God in Christ Jesus, when I shall enjoy thee no longer in Mystery, which is our Lot and Portion here below, but see thee Face to Face, and be eternally satisfied with the Pleasures of thy Kingdom, in and through the Merits of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A Confession and Prayer to be said before the Holy Sacrament, at Home, or at Church, and so any of the Others may be used.

O Most Great, most Just and Gracious God, Thou art of purer Eyes then to behold Iniquity, thou condemnest the Ungodly, Impenitent, and Unbelievers; but hast promised Mercy through Jesus Christ, (our great High Priest) to all that repent and believe in him.

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I confess that I was conceived in Sin, and am by Nature a Child of Wrath. And have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God. In my Baptism thou took'st me into the Bond of the Holy Covenant, but I remembered not my Creator in the Days of my Youth, with Fear, Love, and Obedience, which I owed to thee: Not pleasing thee in all Things, nor walking with thee by Faith in an heavenly Conversation, not seeking thee with all my Might, but too much fulfilled the Desires of the Flesh, and my carnal Mind.

I have too much neglected, and abused thy holy Worship, thy holy Name and thy Day. I have not (as I ought) discharged my Duty towards my Relations, Superiors, Inferiors, or Equals: I have not (as I should) sought first thy Kingdom, and Righteousness, and been contented with my daily Bread; but have been careful and troubled about many Things, neglecting the One Thing necessary.

O God, thou hast revealed thy wonderful Love, in Jesus Christ, and offered me Pardon and Salvation in him: But I have too often made Light of it, and resisted thy Spirit, Word and Ministers, and turned not at thy Reproof: I have run into

Temptations, and the Sin that I should have hated, I have often committed in thy Sight, both secretly and openly.

I have sinned against thy Precepts, Promises, and Threatnings, thy Mercies and Judgments; my Iniquities deserves thy Punishments here, and everlasting Miseries in the World to come. But, O Father, in thy Mercy, thy Son, and thy Promises, is my Hope. Therefore through Faith in the Blood of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour, let me be justified, and reconciled to thee my God.

O what am I, poor unworthy sinful Creature, that I should go to the Table of the Lord, and put myself on for the Portion of his Saints! But seeing thou art pleased, Great God, to call even Sinners that have undone themselves to come unto thee for help, and hast appointed this Sacrament as a Means of Conveyance, to help them to Pardon and Grace, that stand in Need of the same: Therefore, seeing I do extremely need thy pardoning Mercy, and thy sanctifying Grace; I come, Lord, tho' polluted, and unfit to appear before thee. Obless me receive, a broken and bleeding Saviour, with a broken and contrite Heart. Make me so conformable to thee, that I may
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find Communion with thee; and may have not only a Representation, but a Participation of Christ crucified. O that I, may receive such Life from thee, as may enable me to live unto thee: And make me to know that thou abidest in me, by the Spirit which thou hast given me. Dear Jesus, may I participate of thy sacred Body crucified, and thy precious Blood shed for us, with such Discerning, and Reverence, and Penitence, and Faith, and Love, and Thankfulness, as I ought to do.

O make thy Ordinance healing, and the Savour of Life to my Soul. And make it also a sealing Ordinance to clear up to me the Pardon of my Sins, and the comfortable Assurance of thy Love. And as thou sealest the Covenant of Grace, O let me seal the Covenant of Obedience; and in such a Devout and acceptable Manner come unto thy Table, that I may return from it with my Conscience quieted, my Corruptions subdued, my Graces increased, and my Soul encouraged with an enlarged Heart, to run the Way of thy Commands.

O God make my Passage safe and sure, through all the Changes, Troubles, Temptations, and various Conditions of this mortal Life, to the unchangeable Glories and
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Felicities of Life everlasting. All which, I beg, through the alone Merits of our crucified Jesus. *Amen.*

Another Prayer after Confession, and begging Pardon for Sin.

When you use this, say the short Confession.
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Blessed Jesus, thou say'st, Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you: O charming Sound in the Ears of a Sinner! how joyful is the News to a poor, lost, impotent Wretch, one, who in due Sense of his own Vileness, thinks even the meanest of thy Gifts, which conduce to his bodily Sustenance, too good for him; to be invited to eat of thy most blessed Body, and admitted to partake of the lively Figures of thy divine Blood, the Commemorations of thy Death and sure Pledges of Salvation! Lord! what am I, that I should thus be suffered to approach thee? nay, rather that thou shouldest come to me, and dwell under my Roof? O unspeakable Condescension! O unexampled Kindness! Behold
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the Heaven, and Heaven of Heavens, cannot contain thee, and yet thou vouchsafest to take up thy abode with Man, that is a Worm! the Angels are not pure in thy Sight; and yet thou sayest to wretched Sinners, Come unto me ye that travel, and are heavy laden!

Behold, Lord, thus encouraged, thus invited, I come; but I do not presume to do so, trusting in my own Righteousness, but in thy manifold and great Mercies. I feel, alas! my Weakness and Wants, and betake myself to thee for Relief: Sick and diseased, I fly to the Physician of Souls: Hungry and thirsty, to this Fountain of living Water and Bread of Life.

O sweetest, kindest Saviour, what humble Reverence, what devout Thankfulness can be great enough; what Praise can be sufficiently expressive of that Love, which admits so miserable a Sinner to the Participation of the divine Mysteries, the Dignity whereof no Tongue of Men and Angels can worthily set forth.

Prevent me, I most humbly beseech thee my Lord, and my God, with the Blessings and Graces of thy holy Spirit, that thy Servant may taste thy Sweetness and approach this precious Feast, with such Zeal,
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and fervent Devotion, as thou wilt be pleased to accept. O visit me with thy Salvation, and awaken me from spiritual Sloth and Slumber, that I may now vigorously apply myself to draw and drink the the living Water contained in this Fountain opened for Sin, and for Uncleanness: For this Sacrament is the purest and the noblest Refiner of Souls, the Health of the whole Man, the Restorative of my spiritual Decays, the Cure of my Vices, the Curb of my Passions, the Antidote against my Troubles and Temptations, the Conveyance of greater Grace, the Increase of imperfect Virtue, the Stay of our Hope, the support of our Faith, and the mighty Incentive of our Charity. Therefore all Love, all Glory be to thee.

O Sweetest dearest Jesus! who can express the Charms, the Transports of that Soul, which Feast with thee at thy Table, I adore thy Goodness, which thus condescends to the Infirmities of Human Nature, and, in much Compassion, is pleased under these sensible Representations to hide that glorious Majesty, whose native Lustre is too piercing and bright for me, or any created Being, to behold in its full Strength ;

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Strength ; but though my Eyes see thee not as thou art, yet here I know I have thee most effectually, and do therefore most humbly adore that Divinity on Earth, which Angels prostrate themselves before in Heaven. I do it through a Glass, and I gaze with the Eyes of Faith ; they are permitted to do it Face to Face, and to know even as they are known. *Amen.*
Lord Jesus, *Amen.*

Or this,

I Bless thy Name, O God that I have the renewed Invitation to that heavenly Entertainment, which our Lord Jesus has been pleased to make for Souls ; whereby he offers himself, with all his blessed Benefits, to be received by us, and sealed to us.

O God, my Saviour ! give me a Heart apprehensive of my lost Estate without thee, and of the great Need I have to be relieved, and supplied by thee : Increase my Faith in thee, and inflame my Heart with the most fervent Longings after thee ; that I may set myself to draw nigh to thee, and covet, above all desirable Things in the World, to enjoy the blessed Communion

nion with thee. O let me find thy Presence with my Spirit, to make thy Ordinance the Savour of Life unto my Soul. Sweet Jesus, be pleased to come now, and abide with me, and be all in all to me, and cover my Deformities, and help my Infirmities, and supply me, and do me good according to all my Necessities.

Blessed God, fill up all that is wanting in my Understanding, my Repenting, my Believing, my Living, my Loving, and my Hungering and Thirsting after my Saviour, and his Righteousness, to make my Communicating safe and comfortable, and beneficial to my self, and acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ my only Mediator and Redeemer, to whom, with thee, O Father, and God the Holy Ghost, be Glory in the Church, throughout all Ages, World without End. Amen.

A Prayer just before you receive the consecrated Element.

MOST holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, by whom Christ was conceived, by whom the Prophets and Apostles were inspired, and the Ministers

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Ministers of Jesus are qualified and called that dwellest and workest in all the Members of Christ, whom thou sanctifiest to the Image, and for the Service of their Head, and comfortest them that they may shew forth his Praise: Illuminate me, that by faith I may see him that is here represented to me : Soften my Heart, and humble me for my Sins ; sanctify and quicken me that I may relish the spiritual Food, and feed on it to my Nourishment and Growth in Grace, shed abroad the Love of God upon my Heart, and draw me to the Love of him ; fill me with Thankfulness and holy Joy, and with Love to the Brethren ; comfort me, by witnessing that I am a Child of God ; confirm me for new Obedience ; be the Earnest of my Inheritance and seal me up to Everlasting Life. *Amen.*

Or This.

I Humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that I, who am now going to receive the Remembrances of my blessed Saviour's Love, in dying for us, may exercise a lively Faith, and sincere Repentance, an inflamed Love, and

and all other Christian Graces, that so not only the outward Signs of Bread and Wine may be received, but also the inward and spiritual Nourishment of the Soul, by the Efficacy of the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to eternal Life.
Amen.

After the Minister says, The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. say, Amen. which makes it a more compleat Prayer, also say, Amen, after he says, The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

After you have received the Bread, say,

O Most loving Jesus, (our Sacrifice,) I have taken this Symbol of thy blessed Body, broken on the Cross for my Sins : O that it may be a sealed Pardon unto me.

O sweet Jesus, I believe, I grieve, and I love thee, that for our Sins thou was betrayed, and bound, and led away Captive ; that thou wast reviled, buffeted, and scornfully spit on ; that thou wast stripped, scourged, and condemned to a cruel Death, that thou wast crowned with Thorns, and pierced with Nails, and crucified among Thieves.

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I see our Deformities, by seeing thee thus vilely and despitefully used. It was our Covetousness, our Pride, our Contempt of Religion, our Intemperance, our Coldness in Devotion, and our Want of Love to God, (with many other Sins, which I am not able to reckon up) that made thee hated and rejected of Men, and thus barbarously crucified.

By thy unknown Sufferings, O Christ, spare me.

Worthy art thou, O Lamb, that was slain, to receive Power, and Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength, and Honour and Glory, and Blessing, for ever. *Amen.*

Or this, on the Commemoration of our Saviour's Birth, Resurrection, &c.

I Believe, O incarnate Jesus ! that thou art the King of Glory ; and that after thy victorious Conquest over Death, and all the Powers of Darkness, thou didst (after thy glorious Resurrection) ascend in Triumph to Heaven, that thou mightest prepare Mansions for us ; and from thence, as Conqueror, bestow the Gifts of thy Conquest on us, and above all, the Gift of thy holy Spirit, that thou mightest enter into the Holy of Holies as our great High Priest, to present to thy Father, the sweet

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smelling Sacrifice of thy self, the sole Propitiation for Sinners : And therefore all Love, all Glory be to thee.

When the Minister approaches to deliver the consecrated Wine, say, if you have Time.

I will receive the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord ; I will ratify my Vows with the Blood of the New Covenant, and engage myself, O God, to be eternally thine : Satisfy my thirsty Soul with good Things, and let this Communion of the Blood of Christ, put more Gladness into my Heart, than Wine and Oil when they increase. Amen.

After the receiving of the Cup, say,

O most lovely Jesus, I have taken this Cup of the Blood of the new Testament, in Token that thou shed it on the Cross for the Remission of my Sins. O that it may be effectually so unto me ! O God, I would now forget all earthly Charms, and wish to die, as Simeon did with his young Saviour in his Arms.

Lord, now lettest thou thy Servant depart in Peace, according to thy Word.

For mine Eyes have seen thy Salvation.

Which thou hast prepared, before the Face of all People.

To be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the Glory of thy People Israel.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and*

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to the Holy Ghost. Blessed be the Holy and Incomprehensible Trinity, World without End. *Amen.*

Thanksgivings after the Holy Communion.

After you return from the Lord's Table, say,

O come, let me worship, and bow down, let me kneel before the Lord my Maker, my Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

O Lord, my heavenly Father, I humbly beseech thee to accept this my Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving. Glory be to thee, that thou hast vouchsafed to feed me with the spiritual Food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ, whereby thou dost assure me of thy Favour and Goodness towards me, and that I am a Member incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, and am also an Heir, through Hope of thy everlasting Kingdom, and by the Merits of the Death and Passion of our Lord Jesus.

Glory be to thee, that through Faith in our Redeemer's Blood, I, and all thy whole Church, obtain Remission of our Sins, and all other Benefits of the New Covenant, and that all thy Promises, are in him, Yea,

and *Amen* ; and which is to the Glory of all thy holy Attributes.

I also bless thee, for all temporal Mercies, received from thy bountiful Hands. *Hallelujah.*

Praise the Lord, O my Soul ; and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

Hosanna to the Son of *David* ! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord : *Hosanna* in the highest !

Glory be to thee, O God the Son ! for undertaking the wonderful Work of Man's Redemption ; for thy miraculous Conception by the Holy Ghost, and thy humble Birth from the blessed Virgin ; for thy Flight in *Ægypt* at so tender an Age, and all the Inconveniencies which thou suffered in thy Banishment.

Glory be to thee, O dear Jesus ! for thy meek Subjection to thy Parents, even in the meanest Office of a private Life ; for thy Condescension to the Form of a Servant, tho' thou wert Lord of all ; for thy Fasting and Retirement in the Desert ; for thy Mildness and Benignity in Conversation ; for thy heavenly Doctrine, and glorious Miracles.

Glory be to thee, O sweet Jesus ! for the enflamed Desire which thou hadst to redeem

redeem us, and compassionate Tears which thou sheddest over *Jerusalem* ; and for thy Condescension to wash thy Disciples Feet ; and for thy Agony and bloody Sweat in the Garden ; for thy entire Submission, not only to the Will of thy Father, but even to that of thy Enemies.

Glory be to thee, for thy incomparable Patience in their violent Seizure of thy Person, and hurrying thee up and down the Streets ; for thy wonderful Silence, whilst they falsely accused, and unjustly condemned thine Innocence.

I magnify thee for thy powerful Resignation, whilst they shamefully stripped thee of thy Cloaths, and cruelly scourged thee at a Pillar ; for thy admirable Meekness, whilst they crowned thee with Thorns and forced thee to carry thy Cross, which was laden with the Sins of the World.

Glory be to thee, for thy immoveable Constancy when they fastened thee to the Cross, piercing thy blessed Hands and Feet with Nails, and giving thee Gall to eat, and Vinegar to drink ; and yet for this thou didst excuse their Sin, and prayed thy Father to forgive them, till the extremity of their Tortures took away thy Breath.

Glory be to thee, O holy Jesus ! for thy

victorious triumphing over Hell and the Grave, for thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, for thy Sovereign Dominion over all Angels, Authorities, and Powers; that thou art our great High-Priest, continually offering up to thy Father the meritorious Sacrifice of thy Cross and Passion, for all those who truly believe in thee.

O Charming Love ! Hallelujah.

Praise the Lord Jesus, O my Soul, &c.

Or This,

GLORY be to God in the highest, on Earth Peace and Good-Will towards Men. O the Breadth, and Length, and Depth, and Heighth, of the incomprehensible Love of our Lord Jesus ! O Wonder of Wonders, God manifest in the Flesh !

Glory be to thee, our Emanuel, for thy mysterious Incarnation and humble Birth; for thy Circumcision, Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation; for thy Presentation in the Temple, and glorious Transfiguration; for thy holy and most exemplary Life, and admirable Sermons; and for the wonderful Miracles which thou wroughtest for the Confirmation of our Faith.

Glory be to thee, sweet Jesus ! for thy
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Agony and bloody Sweat in the Garden ; for thy bitter and painful, yet meritorious Death on the **Cross** ; and for thy Victory over Hell and the Grave.

I adore thee, for thy glorious Resurrection, and triumphant Ascension, and powerful Intercession with the Father ; and that thou hast promised thy Spirit to abide with thy Church for ever : Also that we, in this Nation, have long enjoyed (notwithstanding our great Unworthiness) the Purity of thy holy **Word** and Sacraments.

Glory be to thee, O most loving Jesus ! that thou wilt come again at the last great Day, in the glorious Majesty, to judge both the Quick and the Dead ; that thou wilt descend from Heaven with a Shout, with the Voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump of God ; that thou wilt then be glorified in thy Saints, and be admired in all them that believe. O may I be of the Number of them that shall arise to the Life immortal.

O gracious Lord ! who hast done so much for us, how can I ever sufficiently praise and love thee ; *Hallelujah.*

Praise the Lord Jesus, O my Soul, &c.

Glory be to thee, O God, the Holy Ghost, the third Person in the ever-blessed Trinity,

that by thy divine Instructions the holy Pen-
Men of God, spake as they were moved ;
that thou art the Enlightner of my Under-
standing, the Sanctifier of my Will, the
Helper of my Infirmities, the Comforter of
my Conscience, the Pledge and Witness of
my Adoption, and the Seal of my eternal
Salvation. *Hallelujah.*

Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and all that
is within me, praise his holy Name.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity in Unity,
who so happily conspired in the compleat-
ing of our Redemption.

O God, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Ghost, I present my Soul and my
Body, a living Sacrifice unto thee, beseech-
ing thee, that thou wilt be for ever (in Co-
venant) my Father, my Redeemer, and my
Sanctifier.

Blessed God, assist and strengthen me
mercifully with thy Grace, that I may per-
form my Vows, and never return to those
Sins, which are the Burden of my Heart,
and grieve thy holy Spirit ; which rent the
Flesh, and shed the Blood of the Lord Je-
sus ; and which I have so often and so so-
lemnly protesting against.

From all Blindness of Heart, from Pride
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See Gal. Vain-Glory, and Hypocrisy; from
unbridled Passion, Envy, Hatred,
c. 5. Malice, and all Uncharitableness,
Good Lord deliver me.

From all Evil and Mischief, from Fornication and all Uncleanness, from Drunkenness and all Intemperance; from Lying, Covetousness, and all other notorious Sins; from the Sins that I am most inclined to; from all the Deceits of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; from thy Wrath, and from everlasting Damnation, *Good Lord deliver me.*

From Rebellion, Idolatry, false Doctrine, Heresy and Schism, from Unbelief and Contempt of thy Word and Commandments, *Dear Lord deliver me.*

Check me in the first Motion to Sin, and the renewed Assaults of any Temptation in the Time of my Trial, when thou seemest to withdraw from me thy Grace; in Health and Prosperity, in Sicknes and in Adversity, in the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment, *Good Lord deliver me.*

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to take our Nature upon him, grant that I, being regenerate and made thy Child by Adoption and Grace, may daily be renewed by thy holy Spirit, and so assist me with thy Grace, that I may continue

nue in the holy Fellowship of thy Saints, and do all such good Works as thou hast prepared for me to walk in, through my exalted Jesus. O, may I always embrace my dearest Saviour, as he is offered to me in the Gospel, for my Prophet, Priest, and King! O may I take a whole Christ with a whole Heart!

O Holy Ghost, fill me with thy blessed Fruits, Love, Joy, Long-suffering, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance! that at last, I may arrive to that State of Happiness where thou wilt in the largest Manner communicate thyself to my Soul, and have both my Soul and Body spiritualized in the Enjoyment of thee, O Father, thee O Son, and thee O holy Spirit, one God blessed for ever! *Amen.*

Another shorter Thanksgiving, &c.

HOly, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, *Heaven and Earth* are full of the Majesty of thy Glory. I bless thee for making me after thine own Image and Likeness, capable of loving thee, and enjoying thee eternally; I bless thy Name for my Formation in the Womb, and the wonderful Union of my Soul and Body, and that I
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was born of Christian Parents, and not among the Heathen and Infidel World, I thank thee, that thou hast brought me by Baptism into thy Covenant and Church.

I praise thee, for my Memory, and the Illumination of my Understanding ; for the Correction of my Will, and for holy Affections ; for Faith, Hope, and Charity, and all other spiritual Graces received from thee ; for the Checks of my own Conscience ; for Repentance and good Works ; for thy restraining and renewing Grace ; for thy holy Word, in its Precepts, Promises, and Threatnings.

But above all, for sending thy Son into the World to redeem us from a State of Sin and Misery, by suffering for us, (on the Cross,) and dying in our Stead, that we might be Partakers of the divine Nature, and receive the Promise of eternal Life : I bless thee for the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, and Confessors, and all other Saints that are gone before us to Heaven.

I magnify thee for the coming of the Holy Ghost, and that his sanctifying Operations, and saving Graces, shall abide with all Believers to the End of the World.

Glory be to thee, O God, for my Health,
Liberty,

Liberty, and Peace; for any Comfort in my Neighbours, Friends, and Relations, for my daily Bread, and all the Blessings of this Life: I thank thee for a sanctified Use of Afflictions for all my known and unobserved Deliverances, and for the Guard thy holy Angels have kept over me.

With all my Heart, O my God, in Covenant, (Father Son and Holy Ghost,) do I now renew the sacred Vows, which, alas! alas! I have too often violated.

O Lord God, I do renounce the Devil, with all his Suggestions, Delusions, and Temptations, also all his Works; all those Sins of the Spirit, Pride, Malice, Envy, Treachery, Lying, Revenge, and Cruelty; all Tempting others to Sin, Hatred to Holiness, and Apostacy.

I utterly renounce, O Lord God, the Pumps and Vanity of this wicked World, all covetous Desires of Honour, Riches, and Pleasure, the complying with all evil Customs, and Company, and all Things that may alienate my Heart from thee.

I renounce, O Lord, all worldly Comforts and Possessions, all my Natural Relations, and my own Life, whenever they stand in Competition with my Duty to thee.

I utterly renounce, O Lord my God, all
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the sinful Lusts of the Flesh, all the inordinate Desires of my corrupt Nature, all fleshly Lusts which war against thee, and against my Soul, all Sloth, Idleness, and Intemperance, and any other Sin which renders me unclean in thy Sight.

O Almighty God as I renounce (in thy Strength) all Sin, which is detestable to thee, so I beseech thee to deliver me not only from the Guilt but the Power of every Sin, and enable me for the future, to love, serve, and obey thee, grant that I may truly believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, and walk in the Way of thy holy Will and Commandments, all the Days of my Life.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, who hast indulged me this Opportunity of Repentance and wrought in me this Will to renew my Baptismal Vow; and I humbly beseech thee, to give me continual Supplies of thy Grace, that I may continue in thy Love, and being faithful to Death, may receive the Crown of Life.

O my God, make me a living Member of thy Church, the mystical Body of thy Son, and unite me inseparably to Christ our Head, and from thence let his gracious Influences be ever streaming in my Soul.

Lord,

Lord, send thy Spirit of Adoption into my Heart, to instil true filial Affections, that I may be owned for thy Child, and call thee Father ; and share in the Blessings of thy Children, and at last become an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

O heavenly Father, accept my imperfect Repentance, compassionate my Infirmities, forgive my Sins, purify my Uncleaness, strengthen my Weakness, fix my Unstableness, and let thy Love ever rule in my Heart, through the Merits, and Sufferings, and Love of the Son of thy Love, in whom thou art always infinitely pleased, our only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be eternal Hosanna's. *Amen.*

A Prayer before Intercession.

Blessed Jesus, interpose between God and my Soul, thy Priesthood and Sacrifice ; between myself and Satan, thy Kingdom and Conquest ; between my Soul and my Sins, thy Innocency ; between my Soul and my Concupiscence, thy Charity ; between my Soul and the Punishment due to a Sinner, thy Passion and the Satisfaction of thy Blood ; between my Soul, my Conscience, and God's Tribunal, thy Advocatship ; between my Soul and its want of Righteousness, thy absolute and compleat Obedience ; between my Soul and its want of Desart, thy all-sufficient Merits ; between my Soul and its want of Fervour in Devotion, thy Intercession ; between my Soul and its want of Sorrow and Repentance, thy Agony and bloody Sweat : For what thou didst, and what thou suffered'st, O my dearest Saviour, O my best of Masters, was, and suffered in my Stead, and for my Benefit. *Amen.*

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Another.

LET thy Soul, O Christ, sanctify me ; thy Body strengthen me ; thy Blood redeem me, the Water that came out of thy Side cleanse me : Sweet Jesus, let thy Stripes heal me ; thy Sweat refresh me ; thy Wounds save me ; thy Poverty enrich me, and thy Suffering preserve me from eternal Damnation. *Amen.*

If the Time won't permit to use all these two Prayers before Intercession, you may say the short Prayer with this last.

SWEET Jesus, it is my Desire that my Heart may be knit entirely to thee, and weaned from every earthly and sensual Delight, and may learn to taste heavenly and eternal Joys, by frequent Returns to this holy Communion. Ah ! when, my God, shall I be wholly thine, regardless of myself, swallowed up quite in a blissful indissoluble Union with Christ. Thou, Lord, in me, and I in thee, and thus may we continue one for ever. Lo, I am thine entirely from this Moment, and above all Things wish and pray, that the Intimacy and Friendship thus contracted, may continue firm and inviolable, that nothing may abate our Love and Delight of it, or ever part our Persons any more. *Amen. Lord Jesus Amen.*

And on the commemoration of our Saviour's Birth, Resurrection, Ascension, coming of the Holy Ghost, and Trinity, read some of the Epistles and Gospels that are appointed for the Days, then say the following Collect.

On our Saviour's Birth.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested in the Flesh, (being born of a pure Virgin) that he might destroy the Works of the Devil, and make us the Sons of God, and Heirs of eternal Life : Grant me

me, I beseech thee, that having this Hope, I may, through thy Spirit, purify myself even as he is pure ; that when he shall appear again with Power and great Glory, I may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious Kingdom, where with thee O Father, &c.

On the Resurrection.

O Most loving Jesus, my Lord, my Life, my Strength, and my Redeemer ! I believe, that thou art the Son of God, and Saviour of the World ; who did suffer and die for our Sins : And, overcoming Death, hast opened to us the Gate of everlasting Life. O that I may find the precious Benefit of thy glorious Resurrection, in my plenary Justification. Yea, help me, Lord, to justify my unfeigned Faith, by its holy Fruits, in dying daily from Sin, and rising with thee, to newness of Life, and in continual Care to follow, and please, and honour thee my God and Saviour, that so I may be numbered with thy Servants in Glory everlasting. *Amen.*

On the Ascension.

O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ, with great Triumph unto thy Kingdom in Heaven ; I beseech thee leave me not comfortless, but send to me thy Holy Ghost, to comfort me ; and exalt me unto the same Place, whither my Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God World without End. *Amen,*

On the Descent of the Holy Ghost.

O Sweetest Spirit of Love, who descended in the mild Emblem of a Dove, purge me from all Bitterness and Gall of Malice, that with Meekness I may receive the ingrafted Word, able to save my Soul, enlighten

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lighten my Darkneſs, enflame my Coldneſs, purge my Drowſineſs, ſweeten my Sourneſs, pardon my Sinfulneſs, reform what is amiſs in me, ſeal all the gracious Promiſes of the Goſpel to me, and ſeal me to the Day of Redemption, who with the Father and the Son, &c.

Trinity.

Read 1 JOHN v. from Verſe 1, to 13, ſee the Epiſtle for the firſt Sunday after Eaſter.

A Lmighty and everleſting God, who haſt given to thy Servants Grace, by the Confeſſion of a true Faith, to acknowledge the Glory of the external Trinity, and in the Power of the Divine Majeſty to worſhip the Unity; I beſeech thee, that thou wouldeſt keep me ſtedfaſt in this Faith, and evermore defend me from all hurtful Adverſities. O Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, (in whoſe Name I was baptized, and to whoſe Service I am religiously devoted,) I deſire to admire, love and praiſe thee, for being the joint Authors of our Salvation, and though I can't conceive thee, yet let me daily experience thy Goodneſs, and compleat the Work of thy Grace begun in me, and lead me in the Way of thy Commandments: O cauſe me me always to think, ſpeak, and do thoſe Things that ſhall be acceptable in thy Sight, that after this Life, I may have the Fruition of the Deity, that liveth and reigneth in perfect Union, World without End. *Amen.*

A Prayer to the Holy Trinity, to be ſaid after the Sacrament, at Church, or at Home.

T H Y dearly beloved Son, (O moſt loving Father) hath taught us in his Goſpel, that to know thee is everlaſting Life, grant therefore I beſeech thee, that I may ſo know thee, as to believe in my Heart, and confeſs with my Mouth, that thou art the true living
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immortal God, our heavenly Father, our Maker, and Preserver, and Defender : That thus believing, and confessing, thro' thy Son Christ, I may become an Heir of everlasting Life. And as I thus believe and confess to thee : So give me Grace to shew forth my Faith by a godly Conversation, and virtuous Living, that Men seeing my good Works, I may glorify thee my heavenly Father, to whom be Praise for ever.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, very God, begotten of the Father from everlasting, and continuing immortal God, World without End, by thee, all Things were made, both in Heaven and Earth, by thee they are preserved, and kept in Order, Thou art the Brightness of thy Father's Glory, and the express Image of his Person, in thee are all the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge, in thee dwelleth all Fulness, by thee we are reconciled to God the Father, and by thee make our Peace with him, thro' the Blood of thy Cross, by thee we have access to the glorious Throne of his Majesty, by thee we are brought thro' Faith into his Grace, wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the Glory of God : I thank thee for all thy Benefits, particularly that thou hast this Day (or Time) admitted me to partake of that Sacrifice of thyself, once offered, which is able to perfect for ever them that are sanctified ; and most humbly, I beseech thee, to give me Grace faithfully to believe in thee, steadfastly to confess thee God and true Man, acknowledging thee, my alone Redeemer, Saviour, Satisfier, Reconciler, Intercessor, Mediator, and Advocate. That I, always depending on thee and thy Merits, thy blessed Passion, precious Death, and glorious Resurrection may thro' thy Grace, so order my Life in true Holiness and Innocence, that at the Day of Judgment, thou may'st present me, both Body and Soul, unto thy heavenly Father, and so for ever place me in thy glorious Kingdom.

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O Holy, and blessed Spirit, who art true and everlasting God, with God the Father and the Son, proceeding from both, full of Majesty and Power, who quicknest the Minds of those that were dead thro' Sin, makest glad the Hearts of the faithful Penitent, bringe into the Way of Truth such as have erred and are deceived, seteth to Right the Souls of them that hunger and thirst after Righteousness, and plenteously enrichest them with sundry Gifts, who pray unto thee in the Name of Jesus Christ: Purify my Heart, I beseech thee, with the Fire of my Love, mortify in me whatever is displeasing unto thee, renew my Mind with thy heavenly and spiritual Blessings, lead me in all necessary Truth, suffer me not to be carried about with divers and strange Doctrines, but always to remain in that, whereof thou alone art the Author. Arm my Soul against the Assaults of Satan, the Temptations of the World, and the Flesh, that being replenished with thy holy Inspirations, may do that only, which is acceptable in thy Sight.

I give up myself, and all my Possessions to thee my God, my Father, my Saviour, and Sanctifier, beseeching thee to receive me upon the Terms of the Gospel Covenant, renew and sanctify me thoroughly. Give me the divine and heavenly Nature, and make me holy in the Image of thy Holiness. Compleat the Work of thy Grace begun in me, and lead me in the Ways of thy Commandments, that being faithful unto Death, I may receive the Crown of everlasting Life, thro' the meritorious Sacrifice of Christ Jesus our only Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

To the everlasting Father in Covenant with all Believers.

To our Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of lost Sinners.

To the Holy Ghost the Comforter, in Unity of the ever glorious Trinity, be all Praise, Honour, and Glory, ascribed by me, and of all the Catholick Church, now, and for evermore, *Amen.*

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Or This,

TO God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted in his Beloved. To God the Son, who loved us, and washed us from our Sins in his own Blood. To God the Holy Ghost, who sheds the Love of God abroad in our Hearts. To the holy Trinity in Unity, and Unity in Trinity, be all Honour and Glory, in Time and Eternity. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all Mankind.

A Ccept, O Lord, of my Prayers and Intercessions, as a Testimony of my Charity for all Mankind, and let the Virtue and Efficacy of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross, (which I have now commemorated) procure for them Comfort and Relief in all those Wants and Necessities they labour under.

O Lord, let thy Way be known upon Earth, thy saving Health among all Nations. Let the People praise thee, O God, let all the People praise thee: Let the Earth rejoice, and the Multitude of the Isles be glad; because the Lord Jesus reigneth and governs the World in Righteousness and Truth. O that all the Kingdoms of the Earth may become the Kingdoms of the Lord, and of his Christ; that Turks, Jews and Infidels, may be converted unto thee.

* Let thy holy Spirit continually cleanse and defend thy Church, and preserve thy *Sion* evermore in Purity, Peace and Prosperity. To this End, bless all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors, especially our King, his Royal Relations, Counsellors, and Magistrates.

Bless all the People of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*; Bless us with Health, Peace and Plenty, and make

us use these Mercies with Sobriety and Thankfulness.

Let all that minister about holy Things, be filled with the Spirit of Wisdom and Holiness, that they may understand how to instruct others in the Way of Salvation, be zealous Promoters of the true Faith of Christ, and bright Examples of a godly Life.

Be mindful and merciful to all that are in Adversity, be a Deliverer to the Persecuted, and a Defender to the Oppressed ; a Support to the Weak, and Physician to the Sick ; a Father to the Fatherless, and a Husband to the Widows. Assist those that are at the Point of Death ; and when their Strength fails, even in Death, enable them to trust in thee.

Be merciful to all my Friends, Relations and Acquaintance : Those that are in Sin convert them ; those that are in Grace confirm and strengthen them, those that are in Adversity comfort and support them ; and those that are in Prosperity, suffer them not to forget thee.

Forgive my Enemies ; give me Charity for them, and Security from them. [* Let thy special Blessings redound upon my Family ; grant we may be all interested in thy Covenant of Grace, that nothing either in Life or Death, may ever be able to separate us from the Love of thee in Christ Jesus our Lord.]

Or this from the Mark in the foregoing Page.

I Beseech thee, O Lord, to bless thy Spouse the Church, which thou hast purchased by thine own Blood ; bless her with the Graces of Unity, Truth and Holiness.

Be gracious to these Kingdoms, pardon our Sins, pity our Distractions heal our Breaches, unite us to one another, reconcile us all to thy Divine Majesty, and defend us against our Enemies.

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Let the King's Life, and Soul, and Welfare be precious in thy Sight, and thy Truth, and Religion, and Glory in his ; may he represent thy Wisdom, Holiness, Justice and Goodness, as well as thy Greatness, Majesty, Power, and Authority. Preserve him long in Safety ; and make his Reign easy and happy.

Bless all his Relations and Nobles, and make them eminent for Life and Piety, as well as for Rank and Quality. May his Counsellors be endued with a Spirit of Wisdom from above, and all that bear Rule under him answer the End of Government, in suppressing the Unruly, punishing the Obnoxious, and encouraging thy faithful Servants in thy holy Fear, and whatever is good and praise-worthy.

Let thy Ministers be cloathed with Righteousness ; and let all thy Saints shout for Joy.

Have Mercy upon the Poor, Helpless, and Afflicted, and comfort them with Hope, Patience, and Relief. Bless all my Relations, Neighbours, and Acquaintance, in Soul, Body, and Spirit.

*[* Those that have no Family may omit that at the Mark.*

[* Let thy special Covenant Blessings redound upon my Family ; and where thou hast begun a good Work upon any of us, carry it on unto the Day of Christ.

Shed thy particular Grace and Benediction upon all those who are Partakers of the holy Communion this Day. May all our holy Purposes and Resolutions be conformed to the Model of our crucified Saviour.

O may we imitate him in his Piety and Devotions, in his Humility and Charity, and in his Meekness and patient Suffering. That thus commemorating his all-sufficient Sacrifice upon Earth, we may receive the everlasting Benefit of it in thy heavenly Kingdom, and bless and praise thee for it to all Eternity.

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When the Communion Service is ended say this short Prayer.

O God, I humbly beseech thee, to pardon the Iniquity of my holy Things, and accept of my Person, Prayers, and Praises, and all the Services I have now performed unto thee, and that not for any Worthiness that is in me, but for the alone Merits sake of my Crucified Jesus, and to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed, by me, all Men, and Angels, everlasting *Hofannah's*. Amen.

AT *Bow-Church* in *London*, after all have received the Elements, they sing a Verse of a Psalm, which Method I like very well, but I think One of *Dr. Brady's* and *Mr. Tate's* Hymns, (which are allowed by Authority, to be sung in our publick Churches) would be more proper. The *Luthern* Churches sing much at the Sacrament.

If the Church where you live don't sing *T.* and *B.* Hymns, you may use them at home in your Family or Closet.

After the celebration of the Lord's Supper our Saviour and his Disciples sung an Hymn, *St. Matth. xxvi. 36.* Some say, in the Original, it's sung or said, Psalm or Hymn. But sure singing is abundantly preferable to bare saying.

A Prayer.

BY the Virtue and Efficacy of Christ's Sacrifice, which he finished on the Cross, for us sinful Men, and has been this Day publickly commemorated in many of our Churches. I humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, to accept of all the Prayers, and Praises I have now (or any other Time this Day) offered

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ferred to thee, and thro' his Merits, and powerful Intercession I further call upon thee, for myself, and thy whole Church, saying, *Our Father*, &c.

This may be added at the End of your Prayers at Home on Lord's Days at Night, or any other Festival of the Church, which is much in the Method of the Bp. of Man, where the Lord's Supper is seldom administered in the Church where you live. But we should every Day, beg of God, to accept of all our Prayers, and Services, thro' the Merits and Mediation of Christ Jesus, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

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